



MAIL STOP AF  
PATENT  
8003-1016-1

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi YAMANE et al.

Conf. 5695

Application No. 10/766,910

Group 1725

Filed January 30, 2004

Examiner Len Tran

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS  
CASTING OF METALS

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 9, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 9, 2005,  
for which the period for response has been extended one month,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached which follows the signature  
page of this paper.